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NEW POST OFFICES IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Post Offices/Branch/Sub Post Offices proposed to be opened in Maharashtra during the current financial year, district-wise, particularly Vidrarbha region;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the postal services in the State;

(c) whether the Government propose to modernise/expand the existing Post Offices in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Post Offices are opened on norm based justification, subject to availability of resources including sanctioning of requisite number of posts by the Government. Region-wise target for opening of Post Offices including those in Vidarbha (Nagpur Region) for 2001-2002 is given in Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): In addition to the proposed Post Offices mentioned in (a), it is proposed to open 200 PSSKs (Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras) in such places where Branch Post Offices do not exist. There are plans for modernizing and computerizing Head Post Offices. The details of allotment of funds for the current financial year for opening and modernization of post offices are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXUE-I

Region	Extra Deptal Branch Offices			Departmental Sub post Offices Departmental Sub Offices		
	Other Areas	Tribal Areas	Total	Other Areas	Tribal Areas	Total
Aurangabad	12	6	18	1	1	2
Nagpur (Vidarbha)	12	6	18	2	1	3
Pune	10	4	14	1	Nil	1
Mumbai	8	2	10	1	Nil	1
Total	42	18	60	5	2	7

ANNEXUE-II

Funds allotted for opening and modernization of Post Offices in Maharashtra Circle in the current financial year:-

Opening of Post Offices	Rs. 1,16,29,000/-
For opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras	Rs. 29,95,000/-

For provision of Infrastructural equipments to 3000 Extra Departmental Branch Offices Rs. 13,15,000/-

For Modernization of Post Offices Rs. 30,000,000/-